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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION)
Inventor: Peter Joseph Jackson)
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Appln. No. 08/932,039) Art Unit: 3735
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Filed: September 17, 1997) Examiner: Srivastava
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For: Breathing Apparatus and Facepiece)
Therefor)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the official Office action dated October 16, 1998, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1 and 37--40 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims as indicated:

2(Amended). In a [A] facepiece according to claim 43 [1, wherein] the improvement including a sealing element [cooperates] cooperating with [the diaphragm] said valve member and the periphery of [the] said exhaust opening to seal [the diaphragm] said valve member to the exhaust opening while [the diaphragm] said valve member is in [its] said first position and while it moves between [the] said first and second positions.

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